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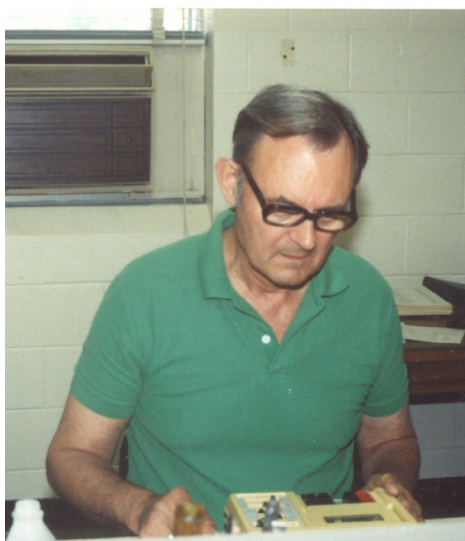
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In remembrance of a dedicated volunteer



Richard "Dick" N. Hawkinson

For twenty years, Richard "Dick" Hawkinson spent most Tuesday mornings repairing talking book equipment for the library. He knew that if he made repairs to a record player or cassette machine, it would be mailed to someone who needed it to read their talking books. Since 1992, he led the dedicated group of Telcom Pioneer volunteers who repair talking book equipment.

The library staff enjoyed seeing Dick because he always greeted you with a big smile and a handshake or a hug. He almost always had a joke or funny story to share. Afterwards, he'd usually say, "well it's time to haul off and repair a machine or two."

We were saddened by Dick's death on August 20, 2007. Demonstrating his dedication to the Pioneers and the repair program, he worked until August 7th, "still wearing his big smile."

He was an Air Force veteran, retired from Illinois Bell and was a lifetime member of the Telcom Pioneer organization. This friendly and fun-loving volunteer will be fondly remembered.

In 1960 the Telephone Pioneers of America were designated the official equipment repair group for the Library of Congress. Since then, Pioneers have repaired some two million of the special cassette and record players used by the visually impaired. We appreciate and depend on our Pioneers.

HAVING MY SAY

Pamela N. Davenport
Director, TBS



While attending the Northern/Southern Joint Conference of Librarians Serving the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Baltimore, I was able to actually use a prototype of the new digital talking book (DTB) player and a flash memory cartridge (the new digital talking book medium). My first thought was to bring this exciting new digital player back to show it to all of you; since I couldn't do that, the next best thing was for me to offer you this picture of the new player in my own hands. I am now more anxious than ever and excited about the future of this service and the improvements that the new player will provide for all of you.

We have heard many reports about the funding and distribution of the DTB player. National distribution is still slated for Fall 2008. We are compiling a list of patrons who are interested in being in the first groups to receive one of the new machines. We will also use our automated patron database to determine veteran and centenarian priority readers. By law veterans will get first choice, followed by our centenarians. Once we've met our legal obligation to these two very deserving customer groups, we will then complete our first wave of distribution based on our listing of patrons who've contacted us about the DTB player.

Also, for those of you who still may not be aware, we have a new State Librarian. David S. Goble has been at the State Library for five months now. We are so pleased to have him and have enjoyed working with him over the past few months as he evaluates our organizational structure, programs and services. Goble's background is unique and includes a blend of executive management experience in commercial and nonprofit settings and in both public and academic library settings. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the State Library. Most excitingly for all of you, he is extremely familiar with Talking Book Services and has already made it known that he is fully committed to helping us improve and expand this wonderful service.

WHAT YOU SAID (continued on page 8)

"I love the Service - It's the best thing truly wonderful!" -Lynn Fischer -Greenville

FOR LARGE PRINT READERS

- LP 19753** Baldacci, David. **Simple Genius.** Former Secret Service agents Sean King and his partner Michelle Maxwell investigate the suspicious death of a scientist Monk at a CIA think tank.
- LP 19789** Burke, James Lee. **Tin Roof Blowdown: A Dave Robicheaux Novel.** Post-Katrina New Orleans. Detective Robicheaux's department is assigned to investigate the shooting of two looters in a wealthy neighborhood.
- LP 19785** Deen, Paula. **Paula Deen: It Ain't All About the Cookin'.** The "queen of Southern cuisine" relates her rags-to-riches life from single mother to television show host.
- LP 19744** Fowler, Terry. **Carolina Pride: A Novel of Romance Nestled in the Heart of the Tar Heel State.** With faith and love, three unlikely romances unfold in North Carolina.
- LP 19768** Frank, Dorothea Benton. **The Land of Mango Sunsets.** New York socialite Miriam Swanson is miserable since her divorce until she visits her aging hippie mother in Sullivans Island, South Carolina, and changes her attitude.
- LP 19754** Geist, Bill. **Way Off the Road: Discovering the Peculiar Charms of Small-Town America.** CBS Sunday Morning correspondent presents humorous stories about the folks featured in his segments from his 5,600-mile RV trip across the United States.
- LP 19778** Griffin, W.E.B. **The Double Agents: A Men at War Novel.** World War II. Agents in the Office of Strategic Services attempt to convince Hitler that the Allied invasion of the Europe will take place elsewhere than the beaches of Normandy.
- LP 19746** Thomas, Evan. **Sea of Thunder: Four Commanders and the Last Great Naval Campaign, 1941-1945.** Recounts the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the biggest naval battle ever fought, from the perspectives of four naval commanders, two from each warring nation.
- LP 19781** Weber, Carl. **The First Lady.** As Bishop Wilson's wife, Charlene, is dying of cancer, she writes letters to four women she feels could be contenders to marry her husband and help him lead the church.
- LP 19795** Woodruff, Lee. **In an Instant: A Family's Journey of Love and Healing.** ABC News correspondent Bob Woodruff and his wife describe his traumatic brain injury and his rehabilitation after being wounded by a roadside bomb.



HOT SUMMER READS

- RC 63497** Binchy, Maeve. **Whitethorn Woods.** When residents of Rossmore learn that a new highway will bypass their Irish town and cut through the woods, they argue about the possible effects of the mystical St. Ann's Well located at the edge of the forest.
- RC 63795** Clark, Mary Higgins. **I Heard That Song Before.** Librarian Kay Lansing and businessman Peter Carrington fall in love and marry. When Peter is arrested for the murder of a teenaged neighbor that took place twenty-two years ago, Kay investigates.
- RC 62042** Cramer, James J. **Jim Cramer's Real Money: Sane Investing in an Insane World.** Market pundit and radio talk show host shares trading and investment secrets that he claims "brokers don't want you to know."
- RC 62450** Dickey, Eric Jerome. **Chasing Destiny.** Pregnant Billie's lover Keith returns to his wife Carmen for the sake of his fifteen-year-old daughter, Destiny. But Destiny rebels, falls in with the wrong crowd and runs away.
- RC 63167** Frank, Dorothea Benton. **Full of Grace.** Grace Russo moves to Charleston, South Carolina, to be near her parents who do not approve of Michael, Grace's live-in Irish, possibly atheist, boyfriend.
- RC 63095** Frazier, Charles. **Thirteen Moons.** Will Cooper reminisces about his long adventurous life, when, at the age of twelve, he traveled to North Carolina's Smoky Mountains to run a trading post.
- RC 63385** Holtz, Lou. **Wins, Losses, and Lessons: An Autobiography.** Author reminisces about his life as a college football coach and his career at the universities of Minnesota and South Carolina, Notre Dame, and other schools.
- RC 62731** Merullo, Roland. **Golfing with God: A Novel.** Golf teacher Hank Fins-Winston is enjoying his afterlife when God recruits him to improve God's golf game. They return to Earth together, where Hank discovers he isn't teaching but learning from God.
- RC 63471** Meyer, Joyce. **The Confident Woman: Start Today Living Boldly and Without Fear.** A Christian minister encourages women to overcome their inner fears and live confident lives.



TBS KIDS PAGE

“Get A Clue” and check out this list of mystery books that will keep you in suspense.

Mystery Series

Encyclopedia Brown

“Sherlock Holmes in sneakers”

by Donald Sobol

RC 12159 RC 11047

RC 10692 RC 11044

RC 16484

Nate the Great “Boy Detective”

by Marjorie W. Sharmat

RC 58462 RC 39501

RC 44115

Nancy Drew “Girl Detective”

by Carolyn Keene

RC 64494 RC 60503

RC 63791 RC 51960

Cam Jansen “Fifth-grade sleuth”

by David Adler

RC 26085 RC 21335

A to Z Mystery

by Ron Roy

RC 57881 RC 57693

RC 57791 RC 59451

Lemony Snicket

Series of unfortunate events

RC 50911 RC 51769

RC 50907 RC 59697

RC 55536



Cecilia Hem Lee

TBS Welcomes New Readers Advisor

“I am thankful to be a part of the SC State Library and in particular the Talking Book Service.” “I look forward to serving you!”

On August 2nd we welcomed Cecilia Hem Lee to the Talking Book Services team. Cecilia is a native of Puerto Rico, where she completed a B.A. in History at the University of Puerto Rico. She is a recent graduate of the University of South Carolina’s Library and Information Science Program.

Teens @ the Library

Many teens go to the beach, work at summer jobs, hang out with friends at the mall or sleep late during summer vacation. However, four special teens made time this summer to work in the Talking Books library. They wanted to gain work experience, fulfill community service requirements for school, or add more activities to college applications. Whatever their reasons, the library was glad to have these hard working teens at the library this summer.

Three of our summer volunteers are also registered library patrons. Joella and Tyler participated in the S.C. Commission for the Blind's summer teen work program. This is the third year in a row we've partnered with the SCCB to help provide visually impaired teens with work experience. For five weeks, they worked in the mail room 3 or 4 mornings each week. Nick, also one of our patrons, volunteered last summer and again this year. Michael, a rising high school senior, found time in his busy schedule to volunteer as well. They all provided assistance in the mail room this summer by inspecting cassette books, pulling books to be mailed, reshelving books and shifting portions of the cassette book collection.

We enjoyed working with them this summer and wish them the best as they start a new school year!



Nick



Michael



Tyler



Joella

The Library will be closed on the following days:

**November 12 - Veteran's Day
November 22-23 - Thanksgiving Day**

Donations are accepted at any time, are fully tax deductible as allowable by law, and are acknowledged. Please include the name and address of those to be notified for memorials or donations in honor of a special occasion or person. Send to Pamela Davenport, Director, Talking Book Services, S.C. State Library, P.O. Box 821, Columbia, SC 29202. **Donations are used to enhance and improve library services**. Make checks payable to SCSL, Talking Book Services.

An updated listing of the descriptive video collection is now available on cassette. To check out our newest described movies, please call us at 803-734-4611 or 1-800-922-7818.



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AND HANDICAPPED**

WHAT YOU SAID (cont'd)

"My hobby was reading until my eyes went bad
- now with Talking books I have resumed my
hobby." -- Marion Poole - Spartanburg

"Used it for years - Best program around - don't
know what I'd do without it." "It's my cane." --
Arthur Foard - Bluffton

"The program is very informative with getting up
to date reading materials - Refreshes my mind"
-- Angela Simon - Lynchburg

"I love Talking Books so much. Being able to
"read" again means the world to me." Martha
Findley - West Union, SC

"Service has been a life saver since losing my
sight." Ruby Kirby - Greenville